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HOMECOMING

We regret that some of you missed homecoming. It really was a big event in our history in several respects. It was the largest in attendance we have ever had and it was the busiest weekend in the history of the college. We not only had our activities, but we enjoyed all the activities of the Dedication Program. I know you enjoyed the reception at Brompton. Some of you had not seen it. We regret that it was not May Day too, but maybe one year we can see May Day.

The new Alumnae Office is ready for occupancy, if we only had some furniture for it. We would appreciate any donations toward this worthwhile project. We would appreciate it if the chapters felt that they could help us. Every gift that is given to the office will have a plaque to indicate who donated it. We received our first gift at homecoming, which was a lovely set of book ends brought us by Provi Piovanetti from the Puerto Rico Chapter. The office is Room 204 in Ann Carter Lee Hall.

Mrs. Camilla Payne, a Past President of the Alumnae Association, has graciously volunteered to decorate the new office if you will send in your contributions. Could we ask for anything better than to have our new office decorated by the same person who just completed the Blair House in Washington? She is donating her time, material, and money. What could you offer toward the cause?

President Combs wants to thank everyone attending homecoming for upholding the rules and regulations of the college. He appreciated that we did not smoke before the students. He was very proud of us and we were equally as proud of him for all of his accomplishments here at the college. We thank him for allowing us to be his guest at the college for the weekend.

We regret that we did not have more time for the class reunions. We do know that some of the reunions were very successful. The classes of 1923 and 1928 were the largest classes reunioning. We want to express our appreciation to Mrs. Mary Bland Cabell, Mrs. Carmen Weiler, and Miss Georgia Stewart for the wonderful work they did toward these class reunions. They made a wonderful contribution to the Association with all of their work, expense and time. Thank you for a job well done!

We are happy to report that Mrs. Eloise Caverlee Hughes of Alexandria, Virginia, was elected as President of the Association, Miss Gwendolyn Amory of Hampton, as Vice President, and Mrs. Mabel Moffett Paska of Arlington as Secretary. Congratulations to these new officers! We want to thank Miss Lillie Turman, Miss Margaret Lambert, and Mrs. Margaret Lodge Copes, as retiring officers, for the wonderful contribution they have made as officers. They are to be commended.

I am sorry to report that some of our girls returned without making reservations and without registering. Please help make homecoming easier for the Association as well as the college by following instructions.

Our Silver Anniversary, which was celebrated during Homecoming, was a great success. All the work and expense we went through to locate the girls was really worthwhile.

There were twenty-three of us present at Class Reunion. Following are their names and news from each of them: Billy Wilkins Kitt, married, no children, and teaches yet at Potomac Beach. Alice G. Russell, widow, two children, William and Ruth. Ruth attends M. W. C. now. Emma Lou Cooke Machen has a little girl named Robin, eight years old, and two sons. Kathryn Warren has been teaching at Eastern Shore ever since leaving M. W. Mildred Olds Leyser is working at Pentagon in Washington, has a son ten years old. Alice Lewis Dodson is teaching in Oakton, Va., has a daughter, Linda Lee, age 13. Margaret Phillips Ellmore is teaching at Helfa, Va., and has a daughter. Ruth Forrester Hammack, widow, has a son 21 years old, U. S. N., and a daughter 19 years old, married. Frances Lewis Garner is teaching at Mount Vernon High, Alexandria. Beatrice Brangan Fordham is teaching chemistry at Woodrow Wilson High, Portsmouth, has a daughter who will enter M. W. next year, and a son, Joe, Jr. Annie Collins Snow lives at Smyrna, Del., where her husband manages a farm and two bowling alleys; has two sons, ages 19 and 23. Mildred Drummond Drewer has three children and three grandchildren. Hilda L. Belote (Little Hilda) has a daughter and does substitute teaching at Pungoteague, Virginia. Georgie Overman Stewart has one son overseas, U.S.A.; one son attending Elon College, subject to be called any moment, and a daughter married last October. Barbara Woolard Hilldrup is married to a MWC professor, Dr. Hilldrup, and lives near the campus; has a son attending college in N. C. Mrs. Lela Darter lives and teaches in Fredericksburg; Dr. Darter is still at MWC.

Mary Quinn Lambert is teaching third grade in Hampton, Va., her daughter, whom we met before leaving M. W., is anxiously looking forward to attending our Alma Mater in a couple of years. She also has a son 11 years old. Virginia Hill Chilton has three children, a daughter going to M. W. now. I married Harold F. Weiler, live in Fairfax, Virginia, and have a son almost eleven years old. Nellie Waterfield has a daughter 22 years old, and is teaching in the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Anna Page Green Dickinson could not make the reunion, but attended some of the Homecoming events: she lives in Fredericksburg. Through a letter from Rachael Wingfield DeAngelo we heard that she has recently been promoted from Supervisor of School Libraries in Yonkers Public Schools for the past three years to Executive Secretary of the American Association of School Librarians with National Headquarters in Chicago. Alice Stone Athearn has a family and lives in Warwick, Virginia.

We were so sorry to hear the following classmates have passed away: Thelma Andrews, Maude Boothe, Edith Costin, Courtney Esther, Mary Hatton, Mary Martin, Elizabeth Payne, Margarite Wine, Duval Christian, Elaine Connelly, and Sally Pollard.

Three of our girls really have made a record. Nellie Waterfield, Hilda L. Belote, and Kathryn Warren started first grade together, went on through grammar, high school, college, are teaching near each other in Eastern Shore, and were together at Homecoming.

A collection was taken and two dozen red roses were wired to Mrs. Bushnell on Mother's Day from those in attendance at homecoming, which numbered about five hundred.

It was a wonderful weekend, but for one time we would like to see every paid member there. We need you.

D U E S

So much could be written here. Did you know that we are self supporting from our dues entirely? We need dues and how can we get those who have not paid to do so?

We are sorry to have to charge a registration fee at homecoming but how else could we put on such a thing? You might be interested that it was voted at this homecoming to make registration fees for homecoming entirely separate from dues, but who would think of attending homecoming unless their dues were paid? The new rule is that the stipulated registration fees for homecoming will not entitle an alumna to membership in the Association. I am sure you know the dues for membership are five dollars a year (three dollars to us if you belong to a local chapter and two dollars to the local chapter) or fifty dollars for a lifetime membership, which can be paid in five installments of ten dollars over a period of five years. This was changed at homecoming too. It had been ten installments of five dollars over a period of ten years. We hope this will be more convenient to you. Dues are payable on June 1 of each year.

I was so pleased the other day when an alumna wrote that she figured she had received an excellent education at Mary Washinton for a nominal fee, being a state supported school, that she hoped to make up for it by contributing to the Alumnae Association. Isn't that a wonderful spirit?

Now we have a beautiful office, an executive secretary, and so much work to do, but can we depend on the members to pay their dues so we can do the alumnae work in a manner that other colleges are doing it and the way we should be doing it? You can answer that question. That is out of our control.

If any of you have a suggestion for raising money we would appreciate knowing about it. This spring I had the Harvard-Ratcliffe Orchestra here for a concert and did not meet expenses. What else can I do?

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Note Paper for Sale

We have a nice box of college scenes note paper for one dollar a box. There are sixteen notes and envelopes. May I mail you some boxes? We also have a few more of the waste baskets and trays for \$8.50 a set. I shall be glad to mail them to you.

Would you like playing cards in the college colors? If so, let me know.

Calendars

We are now receiving orders for the nicest calendar and notebook with a leather binding for sale for \$2.00. It has pictures of the college and other information. They will make lovely Christmas gifts. Please help us finance this Association by buying these calendars. Your Executive Secretary is taking her next year's salary to finance this project. Please help her. I shall be glad to mail them to you after November 15.

New Chapters

We are happy to report that we have two new chapters. Mrs. Betsy Hillarup Morris, 809 Beverly Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, is President of the Alexandria Chapter and Mrs. Mickie Ratcliffe Crittenden, Heathsville, is President of the Nina Bushnell Chapter of the Northern Neck. Another chapter is almost organized in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Mrs. R. Irene Lorincz Bode, 7 Eighth Street, is President. Can any of you help me in organizing other chapters. We would appreciate it.

We have sixteen chapters, but so many of them are not accomplishing much. What seems to be the trouble. Could we do anything to help? If you have elected new officers, please let us know.

Graduation

Class Day Exercises will be held on Saturday, May 30. The Baccalaureate Service will be on Sunday, May 31, with Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, as guest speaker. Commencement exercises will be on June 1, at eleven o'clock with the Honorable Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Vice President of the Republic of India, as speaker. We hope all of you can attend these exercises.

The Thomas Jefferson Cup will be awarded by Mrs. Eloise Caverlee Hughes, our new President on behalf of the Association to Miss Betty Anne Raynor, Box 199, Charlottesville. This cup is awarded by the Alumnae Association each year to a member of the graduating class who, during her years at Mary Washington College, not only has maintained a high scholastic average, signified by listings on the Dean's List, but has performed a most outstanding service for the college.

Summer School

Summer School will begin on June 15 and will end on August 7. A special five-week course for teachers interested in renewing their certificates will be held from June 15 to July 17. There is also a special summer school of Music from June 15 to August 7. What a wonderful way to spend the summer. You can study and play on the most beautiful playground of Virginia. You can enjoy the new Fine Arts Center and all the new equipment and at such reasonable rates. You should see the new College Shoppe, known as The Terrace Room, and Book Store. They are out of this world. In the same building is the indoor swimming pool, bowling alleys, lounges, large reception halls, and class rooms. I am sure you would enjoy the summer here.

A Message from our Retiring President

Dear Fellow-Alumnae,

It has been a very rich experience for me to have served as your President during this past two years. I have appreciated the cooperation and support which so many have given. I have especially appreciated the many personal letters which I have received from my former "freshmen." Along with being the world's worst letter writer I have also been head over heels in my work here at Moravian Seminary at Green Pond, and so have neglected to answer your letters. Please take this brief note as a sincere expression of my deep gratitude for your letters. It was so good to have them.

I leave office knowing that you will continue to give Eloise and Polly the fine support which you have given me. I hope to see you at Homecoming next year.

Best Wishes!

Love,

Lillie Turman

A Message from our New President

Greetings:

What an exciting, crowded weekend was May 9, at M. W. C.! It was wonderful seeing a lot of old friends and meeting many new ones. We missed you who couldn't get there. Hope you will be with us next year. We were filled with pride over the magnificent new buildings! So happy to see our former professors, Dr. Moss, from Farmville, Dr. Martin, from Radford, and many others. It was a perfect weekend, even the weather fell in line. It gave us a wonderful feeling to know that our Alma Mater could be host to such an illustrious list of dignitaries.

As your new President, I feel it is a privilege to serve you. Our one big objective for the coming year should be to create more interest and activity in the Alumnae Association. This can only be done with your help. If there is no chapter in your locality, write to Polly for a list of M. W. C. girls there and get busy and start one. Begin planning now to attend Homecoming next April. It is my hope to visit as many chapters as possible during the year. If there is anyway I can help any of you, please call or write any time. Let us hear from you, individually or by chapters.

Here are my best wishes for a wonderful summer and a good year for the Association.

Sincerely,

Eloise Caverlee Hughes '40

News on Campus and with the Faculty

You should see Marye Hall, formerly the home of the President and Mrs. Combs. It suddenly moved toward the back of that beautiful hill to make way for a huge dormitory. This new dormitory is out of this world. It will have two main living units joined by a patio and will accommodate three hundred and sixty three students when completed. The bid was \$1,179,000 to Graham Brothers in Richmond. It is expected to be completed in 1954.

Dr. Vogelback has been appointed Dean of Ripon College at Ripon, Wisconsin. We shall certainly miss him at Mary Washington.

Dr. Pauline King is at home after being in the hospital for several weeks from an automobile accident at Easter. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Dr. Shankle is as hale and hearty as ever. He is working on a new book of essays entitled, "Chips from Literature and Life."

Dr. Almont Lindsey is going to teach in Europe for the next year.

Dr. R. E. Sumner has been awarded one of the four summer scholarships to the University of Oxford offered to teachers and students from the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States. Congratulations, Dr. Sumner!

Mr. Mark Sumner has done outstanding work with his production of "King Lear" and "Pygmalion."

Alumnae News

Mim Riggs Harkrader from Roanoke writes that her little girl is almost two years old. Ruth Whitehead Owen is living in Norfolk. Mary Emeline Hall Jureit '44, is quite anxious to see a chapter in Florida. Her address is 595 S. W. 59 Avenue, Miami, 44, Florida. Mary Lee Oliver is now Mrs. J. S. Darling, III, and they are living in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he is studying music.

Thank you Margaret Hill Tjeltveit '47 of Red Lodge, Montana, for your contribution. Margaret would like to hear from her classmates. She is far from home, but thinks of Mary Washington so much. She even thought of having a chapter in Montana and around. She and Donna Littman Simmons '47, who lives in Billings have a miniature chapter of their own. Margaret has a son born October, 1952.

Marilyn Weaver has been ill at her home in Fredericksburg for about two years. She would enjoy letters from the girls who attended here in 1950-51. Frances Farrell Fletcher '44 is living in Portsmouth. She has a son. We were delighted with a letter from Clara M. Brewer '39. She has secured her Master's degree at the University of Maryland and is Guidance Counselor at Middletown High School.

Miss Lois Dent became Mrs. Charles Phillips on April 2. Jane Gardner Mallory '50 is living in Chile. Her address is c/o International Machinery Company, Casilla 107-D, Santiago, Chile.

Marcia Eglof Olds '50 is living in Clark, Pennsylvania. Audrey Virginia Enroughty is now Mrs. Joseph Bucceroni. There were in an automobile accident on their honeymoon. Please remember Virginia in your prayers and letters. We are so sorry to hear that Mary Jo Summers died last week from polio in Japan. She had been living there with her husband and nine month old child. Lenora Ladd married Mr. George J. Sloan, Jr. on January 18, 1953. He is a graduate of V. P. I. They live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Betsey Rowe is Mrs. C. P. Bennett and they have moved to South Bend, Indiana. We are sorry to hear that Virginia Jordan Lancaster is deceased. Muriel Child Lowenhaupt of Fanwood, New Jersey was here for homecoming with her husband. Muriel has had some wonderful experiences. She started out teaching, then she joined the WAVES as a pharmacists mate, but ended up helping to deliver babies. Then she received her Master's at Columbia. Now she has a child and is still wondering if she still would like to teach.

We were grieved to hear that Miss Mildred Stewart lost her mother recently. Mildred is back at the University of Florida. I know she would enjoy hearing from you. We were quite proud of Mary Margaret Tegg Kiernan when she played in the Norfolk Symphony on Friday here at the college for the Dedication Program. Miss Constance Ann Wilkins has been nominated as a candidate for the 1953 title of "Miss Washington School of Secretaries." We hope she will win. Nancy Kauffman Cotten writes that she would like to be at homecoming but she lives in Springfield, Ohio, and her children are aged three and one. Let her hear from you, Class of 1948. Jean Butler Lancaster '49 lives in Richmond and has a daughter. Glenrose Aldred Hillock '49 lives in Bainbridge, Georgia, where her husband is in the Air Force. Mary Ann Kimman Walker is leaving for Turkey to do military mission work.

We had the cutest pictures from Mrs. Ann Dennis Kapenhefer, 428 West Victoria Costa Misa, California. Her two children are darling. She writes that she would give anything to be here for homecoming. She would like for the girls from 1943 to write her. We also had a wonderful letter from Barbara E. H. Beebe, who lives in Hartford, Connecticut. She worked for Senator Byrd of Virginia in Washington for some time, but is with the Travelers Insurance Company now. She has a gift shop in her home and is an interior decorator. I wonder what she does with her spare time. She is the owner of the Best Obedience Collie Dog in the country. He has won the title nine times and has been on television twenty one times besides movies and appearing with stars. I wish you could see the newsletter and pictures we had from Mrs. Margaret Moran Logan of 2298-2 Patterson Drive, Eugene, Oregon. I wish we had space to print all of it. Her two children are precious. She has had some wonderful experiences out in the west. Please write to her.

Miss Jeanne F. Reifsnyder '48 of 434 Central Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut, has been awarded a \$4,000 Fellowship in Education by the National Committee on High School Teacher Fellowships for the Advancement of Education established by the Ford Foundation. She will spend next year visiting North Dakota, Washington, Southern California, Mississippi Valley and Kentucky. Congratulations, Jeanne.

Miss Frances Chesson '51 presented her voice recital in Elizabeth City on April 16. She will receive her Master's degree at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in June. Beverly Lou Koeller '48 married James L. Shea in September, 1952. They live at 285 Fern Street, R. F. D., Westwood, New Jersey. Betty Forsyth '49 married Mr. Lewis S. Somers, III, on October, 1951. They live in Philadelphia, where he is associated with Imperial Type Metal Company and Betty is doing foreign advertising work at Smith Kline & French Laboratories. Shirley Brandow '49 is married to John C. Nixon and lives in Silver Spring, Maryland. Mrs. Jean Farrington Leslie is living at 29 Fishers Road, Bryn Mawr, Pa. Leona Hall Howard is living in Orient, Ohio. Maude Wood Hagood has a A.D.A. degree in Dietetics and is working at the Medical College of Virginia while her husband is finishing his last year at the same place. Irene Creasy is working on her Master's degree at the University of Richmond.

Marrilyn Lee Jamison LeCompte '48 did graduate work at the University of Delaware and recently one of her articles on education was published in the Delaware School Journal. She and her husband live at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Blanche Evelyn Morgan is working on her Master's Degree at Duke University. Mrs. Isabel Elliot Taylor is touring Denmark with her husband, who is attached to the American Embassy. Margie Taylor Wooldridge has returned from Japan, where she spent three years with her husband. Anna DeNegri Lawson lives in Richmond and has three children. Kate James Duval has a little girl. Kate Parker Hughes has a son. Her husband is a professional football player. Evelyn Riggs Ross is Worthy Matron of her Eastern Star, and has a baby girl.

The Norfolk Chapter has plates of Seacobeck Hall for sale. They have the most interesting programs for their meetings. One month they had a demonstration on making and restyling hats.

The Puerto Rico Chapter entertained Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Kelly while they were there on their honeymoon. Mrs. Kelly is our own Mary Annette Klinesmith. Dr. Cabrera visited Puerto Rico also.

If you have some news or any suggestions about the Alumnae News, please write Polly Lamason, Box 1315, College Station. She is always ready for criticism or suggestions.

YOUR DUES ARE DUE NOW IF YOU ARE NOT A LIFE MEMBER

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES SO THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION CAN SURVIVE



